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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
VINCENZO CALEMMMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: HUY-TRAM NGUYEN  
SERIAL NO: 10/563,449 :  
FILED: APRIL 20, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1797  
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :  
PREPARATION OF MIDDLE  
DISTILLATES AND LUBE BASES  
STARTING FROM SYNTHETIC  
HYDROCARBON FEEDSTOCKS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Support for the Amendments** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.